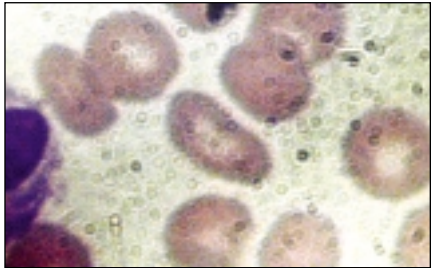




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News you can use

Military family housing trash pickup moves from Fridays to Thursdays

Weekly trash pickup in military family housing has moved permanently from Fridays to Thursdays beginning this week.

Anyone with questions may contact the contract monitor, Gail Davis at 926-5830, extension 188.

— Chrissy Zdrakas

Servicemembers with unique jobs sought for documentary

WASHINGTON – Do you or someone you know have an intriguing job that many people would never guess exists in the military?

If so, this may be your golden opportunity to shine in a made-for-TV documentary to be shot this summer.

Officials in the Defense Department's joint advertising, market research and studies office are on the lookout for servicemembers with unique jobs to be featured in a documentary that highlights the vast array of experiences and training the military offers.

Servicemembers willing to donate their time and stories have until Jan. 15 to nominate themselves or someone they know for the project through an online questionnaire at www.jamrs.org/programs/documentary_casting_call.php.

Candidates will be selected in late January, and editing and production will take place this summer.

Maj. Rene Stockwell, the office's chief, said the goal of the documentary is to highlight the diverse opportunities the military offers to its members – particularly those beyond the well-known jobs held by fighter pilots, paratroopers and computer experts.

"The military offers 4,100 different jobs, and this documentary will cover just a tiny fraction of them," she said.

— American Forces Press Service

Network users urged to be on guard

By Lanorris Askew
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If terms like spoofing, spyware and spam have you either reaching for a Webster's dictionary or an aspirin, Robins' upcoming information assurance campaign will ease that

headache and put you in the know.

The goal of the campaign – the brainchild of Brig. Gen. Chris Anzalone, Center vice commander – is to teach network users how to help protect the network from virtual threats.

"You may think you have the best security around and that you know everything, but it doesn't matter if the people next to you aren't following the same procedures," said General Anzalone. "What we want out of this campaign is to try to help each other under-

stand what the security protocols and the needs are, so that as a team we end up strong and we don't have a weakest link."

According to Lt. Col. Carl Unholz, Information Technology deputy director, the campaign will involve a three-pronged approach that

includes education, making security more visible to the user and exercises.

"Many layers of protection have been created to protect our systems, but those layers are hidden so well that when a

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Are you on the list?



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Edwin Washington, gate guard, checks passes of people going onto the flight line at Gate 38. Gate controllers at gates 38 and 31 have begun using a new authorization list of privately owned vehicle drivers. The new requirement comes as part of the base's airfield security and safety enhancement plan.

Robins airfield access tightens up

78th Air Base Wing Office of Public Affairs

Beginning Jan. 18, anyone whose name isn't on a list kept by the controllers at gates 31 and 38 won't be allowed to drive their privately owned vehicle on the flight line or in the industrial area.

The new requirement comes as part of the base's airfield security and safety enhancement plan, which aims to improve safety and security with fewer vehicle operations on the airfield, according to base officials.

Units have already supplied the 78th Operations Support Squadron with the

names of those authorized access to the area.

"We have begun using the list to ensure it's accurate and to educate our drivers," Maj. Glenn Sigley, 78th OSS commander, said. "Discrepancies will be identified and should be corrected through proper channels. We recommend to those with pass problems that they contact their flight line driving program manager or unit vehicle control officer immediately to resolve problems quickly."

The list is broken down by unit or

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What to know

Gate controllers at gates 38 and 31 have begun using a new authorization list of privately owned vehicle drivers designated by their units as being authorized to operate their POV on the airfield. The listing is broken down by unit or agency, and will provide specific pass information including the driver's name, assigned unit, pass type (flight line or industrial area) and pass number.

Maintenance facility project will enhance work force capabilities

By Holly L. Birchfield
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Robins is in the early stages of a military construction project that will bring aircraft support functions and workers together – helping improve mission support.

Construction of the \$7.8 million Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Facility, to be located just west of the air traffic control tower, began last month.

The new facility will provide workers more space to carry out daily aircraft maintenance operations for the C-5, C-17 and C-130 and is expected to be completed by August 2006.

Pete Peng, base civil engineering project manager, said the 41,000 square-foot facility will further the implementation of Lean principles used in depot maintenance processes at Robins.

"This is going to be a state of the art aircraft maintenance

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Silver Flag training hones civil engineers' wartime skills

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Forty-four civil engineers from the 78th Civil Engineer Group were among 200 active duty, reserve and Guard members from 16 Air Force bases who recently attended Silver Flag at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

The weeklong training course gives Airmen the skills to use new technologies to serve the mission.

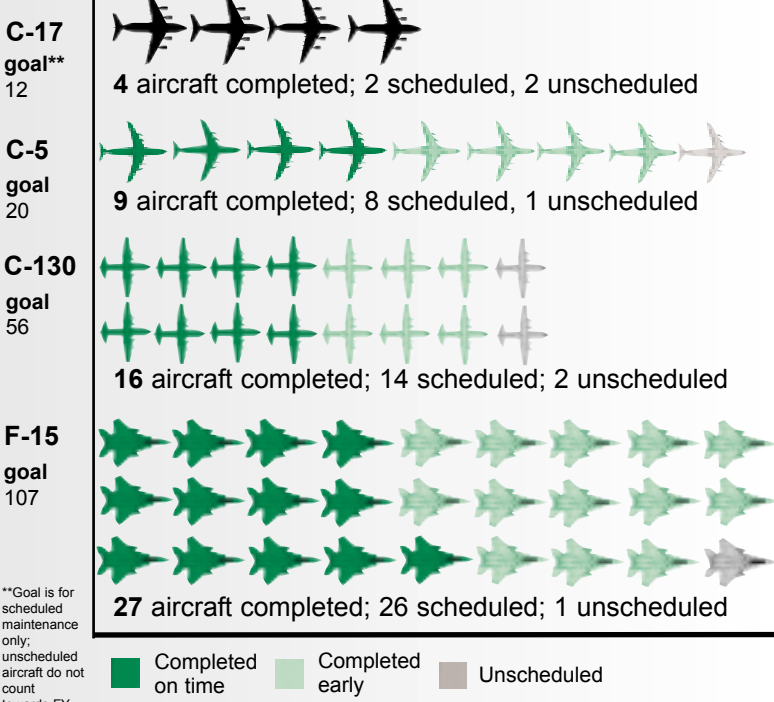
Chief Master Sgt. Vincent Garrett, chief of enlisted matters for the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron, said the training - which is required of CE Airmen every two years - provides Airmen with the knowledge they need before they ever step on the battlefield.

"This training gives us the skills we need to be able to hit the ground running in the wartime environment," he said. "These guys won't have to figure everything out when they get (in the field) because they'll already be trained to use the necessary technologies."

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Aircraft Maintenance Output

fiscal 2005 year-to-date production
(as of Dec. 30)



New name, same service

Air Force One Source becomes Military One Source

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Air Force One Source, the Airman's round-the-clock resource for what has been called "beyond the gate" support and referral services, will soon have a new look.

But, according to Lisa Daniel, Family Support Center community readiness technician, it won't miss a beat providing an extension to your local family support center programs.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Lisa Daniel, Family Support Center community readiness technician, shows off the new Military One Source logo. The same wealth of information Air Force One Source provided will be accessible on the Web and by phone.

Robins 3-day forecast
Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

Today
Chance of rain, then partly to mostly cloudy

74/48

Saturday
Partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of rain

70/52

Sunday
Cloudy to partly cloudy with chance of rain

66/50

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user logs on they never see all of the checks and balances the computer goes through to protect them,” he said. “It’s easy to forget that security is an issue.”

The general agreed. “Our virtual enemy is attacking the way we operate and some users are letting them in unknowingly,” he said. “When that happens, it puts us all at risk.”

To ensure that risk is kept at a minimum, the campaign will raise user awareness of their responsibilities by involving them in the checks and balance system.

When a user turns on his or her computer at work in the very near future, they will be able to see all the security checks as they are completed.

“There may be some people who don’t like that because they feel like it is inconvenient or time consuming,” said Colonel Unholz. “But it’s important to raise their awareness and let them know what goes on.”

Airman 1st Class Brandon Oxtan, network security technician, will be one of the people helping to put the system in place.

“We will be making our practices more visible by having the user click certain items when they log on,” he said. “When a user logs on their antivirus is checked, patches are updated. That has to be more visible so they can see we’re taking care of the network.”

In addition to the log on changes, simulated attacks may be launched to help prepare the base just as is done for physical security breaches.

“We can simulate a virus attack on base and make sure users take the proper precautions,” said Airman Oxtan. “We exercise ourselves regularly, but we want to get the base involved to make sure they understand what needs to be done if something like



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Network security technicians, from left, Brad Busbee, Senior Airman John Grant and Joeseph Stewart examine a suspicious e-mail.

How to protect your workstation

- Don't enter your official e-mail address on any Web site.
- Don't use your official e-mail address to register for unofficial mail groups.
- Don't open e-mails you didn't request or that look suspicious.
- Don't open e-mail attachments that you were not expecting.
- Don't tell your password to anyone or write it down.
- Don't use common words or keyboard combinations as passwords.
- Don't use your government e-mail address for anything other than work related business.
- Do use a strong password protected screen saver that automatically comes on if your machine is unattended.
- If you receive spam or suspicious e-mails, forward them to the 78th CS/SCBS Network Security.

How to protect your home computer

- Go to www.cert.mil where you can download free antivirus software similar to that at your workstations. This site can only be accessed through a government computer.
- Anyone with a .mil address can download approved antivirus software for their home computer from www.cert.mil. This is the same software used to protect your government workstation.

that happens.”

Colonel Unholz said although the base has a solid boundary of protection, people can’t become complacent.

“Viruses are on the rise with 900 to 1,000 new ones coming out each month,” he said. “The threats are there, and they are becoming more sophisticated.

Instead of targeting the boundaries now they’re targeting users.”

According to Bob Kinsey, CS security manager, a team defends the base’s network boundaries on a daily basis, repelling the advances of cyber threats.

“They provide boundary of

protection just like Security Forces at the gates,” he said.

Last year they blocked almost a million unofficial or possibly harmful e-mails. They also ran nine base-wide scans to detect and correct security vulnerabilities.

Mr. Kinsey said there are three levels of protection or defenses that protect the network.

The antivirus program installed on each machine is the first level. Then there is a base-wide antivirus program that scans all e-mail traffic on the Robins network. The third level is firewalls.

In addition to the other three phases of the campaign, CS is also proposing a computer-based notification system that will pop up on user screens to alert them of any big event or news they need to know.

“A strong chain makes for a strong defense, and if there’s a weak link the entire chain is weak,” said the vice commander. “Strengthen the chain and pull us into the future. The challenge is an individual challenge but the results will be team results.”

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Airmen received three days of training on contingency operations and related equipment for operating airfield lighting, reverse osmosis water purifying units, Alaskan small shelters, and training on other equipment, with the remaining two days devoted to exercising.

Second Lt. LaShean Lawson, a civil engineering officer with the 778th CES, said the training was a chance to put his combat skills to the test.

“It pretty much lays out what you would expect in a deployed environment,” he said. “You’re not only doing the work, but you live in the environment,” he said. “You are erecting and living in tents, eating ‘meals ready to eat’, and everything else that goes with being in a field environment. It’s real-time implementation of what we should expect when we deploy.”

Tech. Sgt. Robert Wreden, pavements and construction equipment operator for the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron, said the

training is useful.

“It’s very similar to actual deployments, in that you get to work with people you’ve never met before and combine your talents to build the best possible team you can to get the job done,” he said. “It builds a lot of confidence and camaraderie among the troops.”

Lt. Col Kathyleen Pare, 778th CES commander, who served as the camp commander during the planning phase of the exercise and wing commander during the exercise, said Robins’ civil engineers showed the same level of excellence in the exercise as they do serving the mission at home.

“During the exercise, Robins’ folks did outstanding across the board,” she said. “They especially excelled at repairing craters on the airfield in record time and troubleshooting the reverse osmosis water purifying unit to provide potable water to the entire camp.”

The colonel said Robins was among two of the four outstanding performers in the entire exercise and the only outstanding civil engineering performers identified.

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agency, and includes driver’s names, their units, pass types and pass numbers. The list also includes whether drivers are permitted to operate their vehicles on the flight line or in the industrial area.

Major Sigley said that changes to the list won’t be made at the gates.

“Gate controllers don’t publish the list; they only reference the listings provided by units,” he said. “The gate controllers have no control over what names are on the list. They won’t be able

to add names to the list, and discrepancies must be resolved directly between the driver and his or her unit.”

Major Sigley went on to say that use of the new list won’t negate other requirements for driving in the area. Drivers will still need to show proper identification and airfield driving competency certification.

Editor’s note: For more information regarding POV operations on the airfield, contact Jim Anderson, deputy airfield manager with the 78th Operations Support Squadron, at 926-2732.

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facility, increasing workers’ capability of servicing these aircraft for the functional flight test mission, including the removal, storage, replacement and testing of avionics and associated components of all aircraft undergoing aircraft depot maintenance,” he said. “It will accommodate the needs of the production people working on these three different aircraft, by consolidating their work areas, which are now scattered all over the depot flight line, into one area.”

In addition, the new facility will create a more pleasant work environment, said James Latimore, chief of the Aircraft Maintenance Support Branch of the Maintenance Directorate.

“This facility will help relieve some of the pressure and strain on mechanics standing in line waiting to log in their operations on the computer, which can sometimes cause a lot of congestion,” he said. “We have increased the work area for the C-17, C-130 and C-5, which will create a



Courtesy photo

Above is an artist’s rendering of the \$7.8 million Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Facility, to be located just west of the air traffic control tower, began last month.

more relaxing, more comfortable area to work in on a daily basis.”

The facility is one of many military

construction projects planned during the next few years to improve the base and its continued support of the war fighter.

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The service, which has long been available to Air Force servicemembers and their families, will now be known as Military One Source, and Mrs. Daniel said the change will be noticeable in name only. Customers will still receive the same top-notch service they have come to rely on.

In the past each military branch had its own Web site and resources, but in an effort to consolidate, the decision was made to unite those resources under the umbrella of Military One Source.

The same wealth of information ranging from support with childcare and managing money to care for the elderly and health related topics will be accessible on the Web and by phone.

Military One Source, which provides information as well as access to free booklets, pamphlets and videos, is set up to help military families cope with life’s

daily challenges. It offers a monthly feature that gives both general and detailed information on selected topics. This month’s topic is budgeting money.

The site can be used by both civilian employees and military members, but access to the phone service is restricted to military use only.

The operators are certified counselors and therapists and all calls are confidential.

“This service helps on both the personal and professional level,” said Mrs. Daniel.

In addition to coping with deployments and financial management, the service also helps with issues like managing people in the workplace and morale building.

Military One Source is available 24 hours-a-day at (800) 342-96474 and www.militaryone-source.com. The site will require customers to log on by using the word “Military” as the user ID and “OneSource” as the password.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Heather Tower

KADENAAIR BASE, Japan – Airmen here carefully guide an HH-60G Pave Hawk as it is loaded into a C-17 Globemaster III. The Globemaster crew flew two Pave Hawks to Sri Lanka Monday to support tsunami relief efforts in the region. Four more helicopters are scheduled to go. Besides aircraft and equipment, Airmen here have loaded more than 145 tons of relief supplies on Air Force aircraft bound for the region. The Pave Hawks are assigned to the 33rd Rescue Squadron here, and the C-17 is from McChord Air Force Base, Wash.

DoD ready to bolster medical, health support for tsunami victims

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Defense Department officials are ready, willing and prepared to provide medical assistance as needed to aid tsunami victims and help stem widespread disease, the Pentagon’s top doctor said Tuesday.

Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary defense for health affairs, said DoD officials are working closely with affected nations, other U.S. government agencies and non-governmental agencies to determine what is needed, and get help to the region as quickly as possible.

The top request right now is for mortuary affairs experts to help deal with the nearly 150,000 people killed during the Dec. 26 tsunamis in the Indian Ocean.

Other challenges are getting food, water and medical supplies to the region for the survivors, including hundreds of thousands living in crowded, unsanitary conditions that Dr. Winkenwerder called “breeding grounds for disease.”

The goal is to “help stem a second wave of disaster,” including epidemics such as e. coli, cholera, Hepatitis A and other waterborne diarrheal illnesses, as well as respiratory diseases such as measles. In the weeks ahead, Dr. Winkenwerder said, malaria and dengue also could become health risks.

Dr. Winkenwerder also said loose and floating material continues to cause injuries as cleanup efforts begin.

DoD officials are “prepared to provide a significant enhanced effort” to help meet the health and medical needs of the region, he said. Officials are focusing their response in two general areas: transportable medical facilities and logistics support.

Dr. Winkenwerder said the military could fly as many as eight field hospitals to the region very quickly and has “plenty of medical materials on hand within Pacific Command” to contribute, if needed.

In addition, Lt. Gen. (Dr.) George Peach Taylor Jr., Air Force surgeon general, said the Air Force could contribute smaller, modular hospital units that fit onto C-17 Globemaster III or C-130 Hercules aircraft. A 25-bed modular hospital that fits onto two C-17s, is sitting on the runway in Yokota Air Base, Japan, awaiting orders to deploy.

These hospitals could deploy with or without medical staffs, depending on need. However, Dr. Winkenwerder said, using medical providers from the region who are able to speak the local language generally would be preferable.

Navy officials are preparing the hospital ship Mercy to ensure it is ready to respond, if called. The ship could reach the region within two to three weeks, Dr. Winkenwerder said.

The United States is “better prepared than we’ve ever been” to assist in the Asian crisis, he said largely because of mass casualty exercises conducted in recent years to prepare for a potential domestic disaster.

“We’re here to help. We want to help, and we’re prepared to help,” he said.

Adding a drop to the bucket in order to help overseas

By Lisa Terry McKeown
43rd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

POPE AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. – It might not be much, compared to the millions of dollars in aid being given to the countries devastated by the Dec. 26 tsunamis, but the small donation box in the control tower here helps an Airman remember that every little bit counts.

“The headlines in the news really hit me,” said Senior Airman Jason DeAraujo, 43rd Operations Support Squadron. “It’s such a tragic situation, and I thought maybe we could help out. I set the box out for cash donations and let people know about donating to the Red Cross online.”

The small donation box has yet to bring in the big bucks, but even its presence reminds Airmen here of the bigger picture.

“It’s important to support organizations that are able to go over there and try and make a difference,” Airman DeAraujo said.

As thousands of Airmen across the world join others to help move aid into devastated regions, many at home said they feel the need to help, but often do not know what to do or which organizations to support.

“Many people are calling Air Mobility Command bases asking how they can help countries affected by the recent earthquake and tsunamis, often with the

expectation that AMC can transport their donated goods,” said Col. Dave Thurston, director of AMC public affairs. “As President Bush said, it makes much more sense to donate money to the aid organizations that are working the problem and know what specific goods and services are needed.”

The United States Agency for International Development is on the ground in the affected areas, working with other organizations to improve coordination and

work to overcome the many logistical roadblocks to the humanitarian response. Its Web site, www.usaid.gov, provides information and updates on the relief effort. It also provides guidance on how people and organizations can help those efforts continue to move forward.

As for Airman DeAraujo, he said the donation box will stay out as long as there is a fund available to support the survivors. The money he collects will be donated to the Red Cross.

78th Dental Squadron adopts new duty hours, sick call procedures

By Maj. Elizabeth Tandy
78th Dental Squadron Support Flight commander

Effective Monday, the Robins Dental Clinic will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in accordance with the new Dental Care Optimization (DCO) concept.

Below are the teams and units assigned to DCO coordinators.

DCO team No. 1
Coordinators: Staff Sgt. Evan Singleton or Senior Airman Deandra Lamons, call 327-8099.
Army Flyers
Det #7
12th ACCS
16th ACCS
951st RSS
19th OSS/ARG
78th ABW/MSS/MSG/WRALC/CPTS/Contracting
78th OSS
HQ AFRC
99th ARS
116th OSS
116th OG
128th ACCS
330th CTS

DCO team No. 2
Coordinators: Tech. Sgt. Pamela Swogger or Staff Sgt. Joe Martinez, call 327-8080.
5th CBCS
5th CBCG
51st CBCS
52nd CBCS
53rd CBCS
54th CBCS
1st and 3rd Field Investigations
AFRC band
78th CEG
78th CES
778th CES
116th MOS
116th MXG/373
367th RG
653rd CLSS

78th SFS
DCO team No. 3
Coordinators: Tech. Sgt. Olvin Beckles or Staff Sgt. Aisha Dean, call 327-8053.
19th AMXS
19th MXS
78th COMM
78th LRS
ARFC Recruiting Squadron
78th AMDS
78th DS
78th MDOS
78th MDSS
116th CSS
116th AMXS
116th MXS
PME

Got a toothache during duty hours? There will be no more “set” hours for walk-in dental sick calls. With the implementation of DCO, dental sick call appointments for eligible beneficiaries will be arranged through your DCO team coordinators.

DCO team No. 1
Coordinators: Staff Sgt. Evan Singleton or Senior Airman Deandra Lamons, call 327-8099.

DCO team No. 2
Coordinators: Tech. Sgt. Pamela Swogger or Staff Sgt. Joe Martinez, call 327-8080.

DCO team No. 3
Coordinators: Tech. Sgt. Olvin Beckles or Staff Sgt. Aisha Dean, call 327-8053.

Existing appointment times may also be verified by calling the front desk at 327-8056. When in doubt, you may call the front desk and the staff will direct you to your team coordinator.

Got a toothache after duty hours? For after hours dental emergencies (severe pain, swelling, bleeding/trauma), call 327-7850 or 327-8056. The phone message will contact you with the answering service that will contact the dentist on call. The dentist on call will return your call.

Any questions may be directed to Tech. Sgt. Crystal Hagler at 327-8094.

Air Force offers civilians new way to view LES

Air Force Accounting and Finance Office

The Air Force is now offering a new way to view civilian Leave and Earnings Statements through Defense Finance and Accounting Service’s SmartDocs.

Employees began receiving e-mail notifications that their SmartLES was available Dec. 29, including a hyperlink to the site.

The SmartLES is an enhanced LES product that has two types of links. One provides explanations about information in specific blocks on the LES; the other allows comparison between current data and that of the previous pay period.

The block titles are highlighted in blue. Click on them, and text boxes will appear, explaining the type of data in that block. The information in green indicates data that has changed from the prior LES. Click on the green text to compare current data with data from the prior pay period. The SmartLES includes leave used during the pay period and links to other applications and Web sites.

The e-mail you receive will appear as “SmartDocs@dfas.mil” in the “From” box. Clicking on the link within the e-mail establishes a secure connection, just like logging onto the myPay site.

There are no additional user-IDs or passwords; however, to receive the e-mails and access SmartLES, you must have an e-mail address within the myPay system and a customized myPay PIN.

SmartDocs will store up to 5 LES’. With the initial implementation of the SmartLES, only 2 LES’ are available - the current and prior LES. These are necessary to allow the comparison features to work. As time moves forward, the system accumulates the additional LES’.

Implementation of SmartDocs/SmartLES does not eliminate the mailing of hardcopy LES’; an employee’s election (hardcopy or electronic) for LES’ remains unchanged by implementing SmartDocs/SmartLES.

If you have questions about the Air Force implementation of the SmartLES, contact your local FSO or Customer Service Representative.

What to know

The SmartLES uses DFAS’ SmartDocs application to deliver an e-mail notice to civilian employees when their leave and earnings statements are available to be viewed.

Once in the DFAS’ SmartDocs Web site, employees can view their SmartLES, an enhanced LES product with links to explanatory text about specific blocks on the LES and to compare changes in data from the previous pay period with the current pay period, e.g. gross pay, taxes, etc.

Another feature of the SmartLES is its dynamic links to other applications and Web sites, such as the myPay system and the OPM Web site.

For more information, contact the Air Force Accounting and Finance Office, 6760 East Irvington Place, Denver, Col., 80279-8000, DSN 926-5856 or (303) 676-5856.

OJT program offers veterans alternative career opportunities

By Lanorris Askew
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For the past 60 years the Montgomery GI Bill has stood as a great way to help veterans further their educational goals by providing tuition assistance. But according to the Georgia Department of Veterans Service, many may not know about another of its lucrative benefits – the On-the-Job-Training and Apprenticeship program.

Although the benefit has been a part of the GI Bill package since its inception, many veterans are unaware that (if eligible) they can receive up to \$12,000 in tax-free benefits for 24 months while learning to do their jobs.

The program offers eligible veterans an alternative way to use funds many thought were just for education. A veteran who is serving in the Reserves or the Georgia National Guard may also be eligible. Those members could receive more than \$3,000 for a two-year period of training.

According to the Veterans Service, the OJT benefit cannot be used while serving active duty or while receiving the education benefit, but offers a whole new facet to the workplace.

The program is for veterans who are entering or have been in a new job for two years or less. The position must be entry-level and full-time, meaning at least 30 hours per week and compensation cannot include commission.

To be eligible for OJT the veteran must also be eligible to receive GI Bill benefits. During the program the veteran must be supervised on a job that requires at least six months to become fully trained according to the U.S. Department of Labor. His or her employer must document, and certify the number of hours per month the veteran has worked. The Georgia State Approving Agency evaluates the programs annually to determine compliance with federal standards. Employers may be private, local or state government.

While many of the trades approved for the program are military related, there are many others. Currently the approved programs range from law enforcement and administration to mechanics and electricians.

Veterans Service officials said employers will also benefit from these OJT programs as an excellent way to attract and retain well-disciplined employees in hard to fill positions.

Employers direct the training of the veterans,

On-the-Job-Training and Apprenticeship program

- TO QUALIFY:**
- You must be supervised at least 50 percent of the time.
 - Job training must lead to an entry-level position. (Management and supervisory training programs do not qualify)
 - You must be a salaried employee, meaning not a commission based pay system.
 - Your training must be documented and reported.
 - You cannot be already qualified for the Job by previous experience.

- ELIGIBILITY:**
- You may be eligible if you are otherwise eligible for the GI Bill either under the Active Duty (Veteran) or Reserve GI Bill programs and:
- You are no longer on Active Duty;
 - You were recently hired or promoted;
 - It's been less than 10 years since you left the service; or
 - You are currently a member of the Guard or Reserve and on a six-year contract

For more information on the OJT and Apprenticeship programs contact Georgia Department of Veterans Service State Approving Agency at (404) 656-2306/2322, saaga@mindspring.com or visit www.state.ga.us/dvd/state_approving_agency.shtml

thereby ensuring that they become familiar with work processes as defined by the employer, equipment to be used upon completion of training, and company policies. There are no direct payments to employers under this program. Payments received by the veteran are intended to serve as a salary supplement during the training period.

Air Force acquisition process changing through innovation, sustainment initiatives

By 2nd Lt. Sequoiya L. Franks
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The Air Force acquisition process is getting a makeover, and Agile Acquisition is the official name for its transformation scheduled to take place this year.

“Last March the Secretary and the Chief gave us our mandate: We must change the way we do business to deliver capability to the war fighter in a timely affordable manner,” said Marvin Sambur, Assistant Secretary of Air Force for Acquisition.

To meet this challenge Agile Acquisition has been launched.

The two overriding goals of the process are to reduce acquisition cycle time by a factor of four and increase credibility in execution by 90 percent.

The principle in getting those goals accomplished is credibility in delivering what has been promised on time and on budget.

Air Force Materiel Command supports and implements those efforts at the headquarters and center levels.

The senior board of directors leading this initiative includes representatives from AFMC headquarters, product, logistics, and test centers and laboratories who form the Acquisition Transformation Action Council, or ATAC.

Steve Davis, Center executive director, is the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center’s ATAC representative.

The ATAC has a Transformation Action Group which takes actions based on ATAC guidance and is responsible for recommending and implementing initiatives at the Center level.

The transformation action group, with Sandy Faircloth as the Robins representative, has four initiative studies.

The acquisition process architecture team is documenting the acquisition process as it is now by

decomposing the various phases of the system.

The team will select processes from the “as is” state to value stream map in order to determine what the future state needs to be.

The other studies will analyze expectations management to support policy implementation and the common processes to be applied to planning, cost and schedule estimating and assessing risk for Air Force acquisition programs.

Program management capabilities will be analyzed to recommend an approach to growing the capabilities of



Steve Davis is the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Acquisition Transformation Action Council representative.

Air Force program managers to meet the needs of today’s Air Force acquisition environment.

“Basically, the focus is on transforming how we acquire and sustain weapon systems,” Ms. Faircloth said. “The benefit to the work force in regards to acquisition transformation, as is with any transformation effort, is the elimination of waste, reduction and elimination of non-value added processes, improving the remaining processes and development of better processes.”

External constraints, customer inputs, and using the results of the initiative studies will help define the future state of acquisition.

In January 2005, the ATAC hopes to show quantifiable improvement in the acquisition cycle time, report to the AFMC commander on the long-term strategy to institutionalize change, baseline program probability of success, and show improvement across all programs.

Tricare dental program includes ‘gray area’ retirees

Eligibility for the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) extends to all retirees of the Guard and reserve and their family members, including “gray area” retired Reservists who are entitled to retired pay but will not begin receiving it until age 60.

Although eligibility for this group has been in effect since the TRDP first began in 1998, many retired Guard and reserve members, and even more “gray area” retirees, still do not realize they are eligible.

Premiums for the TRDP are regionally based on the primary enrollee’s residence zip code.

Title 10 of the United States Code, Section 1076c mandates that monthly

premiums for the TRDP be deducted automatically from retired pay through one of six discretionary allotments.

However, “gray area” retired reservists who are younger than age 60 and who enroll in the program are naturally exempt from the mandatory government deduction, so alternative payment arrangements such as direct billing or EFT will be made.

Today, more than 791,000 retired members of the uniformed services, Medal of Honor recipients, unmarried surviving spouses, and their family members are enjoying comprehensive, affordable benefits under the TRDP.

Enrollees in the TRDP can choose any licensed dentist within the TRDP service

area or can select from a network of over 80,000 dentist locations nationwide.

The TRDP service area includes all 50 United States as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, and Canada.

Retired Guard and reserve members, including “gray area” retirees, who would like more information about the TRDP can visit www.trdp.org or call the contract administrator, Delta Dental of California, at 1 (888) 838-8737 for a complete TRDP enrollment packet.

– *TRICARE Retiree Dental Program*

Assignment listing available Tuesday for enlisted Airmen

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for Airmen returning from overseas and those listed as “mandatory movers” within the continental United States from May through July will

be available Tuesday.

Individuals need to work through their military personnel flights or their commander’s support staff to update their preferences by Jan. 25. Deployed Airmen must work with their personnel representative to update assignment

preferences. Airmen will be notified of their selection by mid-February, Air Force Personnel Center officials here said.

EQUAL advertises upcoming assignment requirements by Air Force specialty and rank. People should review,

prioritize and update their assignment preferences based on the list, officials said.

People can view the lists online or at their local military personnel flights.

– *Courtesy of AFPC News Service*



U.S. Air Force file photo by Sue Sapp

Robins provides support for the C-17, one of the most used resources in all of the theaters of operation.

Airlift – It’s a beautiful thing

By **Tech. Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol**
416th Air Expeditionary Group
Public Affairs

KARSHI-KHANABAD AIR BASE, UZBEKISTAN (AFPN) – Since I am on my second deployment in less than two years, I have noticed something about what the Air Force does that I have often taken for granted: airlift.

Why airlift?
Simple. It is the bread and butter of the deployed force. It is one of the most used resources in all of the theaters of operation. On my way to this deployed base just recently, I truly understood that.

As I left the United States in late December, I embarked on what many of us refer to as the “rotator,” a civilian airliner chartered to bring military members to their overseas assignments and deployments.

On my rotator flight, there were Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines, along with other authorized passengers. Over the course of several dozen hours and multiple stops, I had a chance to talk to some of them going overseas, many for the first time.

At our first stop after leaving the United States, I was talking with two security forces troops who were out of the country for the first time.

One of them said, “This is awesome.” The Airman, a native of Illinois

who was fresh out of security forces technical school training and being stationed overseas at his first base, showed that raw excitement of being somewhere new, and getting there was all due to airlift.

I sat next to a young Airman, whom I learned was going to be a gunner on an AC-130 Spectre. He was deploying for the first time also. He talked of how intense his training was and how excited he was to be going out on his deployment supporting the war on terrorism. He also stated how impressed he was with the amount of coordination it takes to fly people in and out of the theater. Airlift in action once again.

I also came across numerous National Guard Soldiers and Airmen from across the United States. All of them were headed to a variety of forward operating areas, including my deployed base. Each one I talked to had his or her own unique experience to share about flying the friendly skies throughout the world, courtesy of airlift.

Airlift used throughout the areas of responsibility takes many forms, such as the C-17 Globemaster III, C-130 Hercules, KC-135 Stratotanker, C-5 Galaxy, KC-10 Extender and others. Looking at the big picture, since the start of Operation Enduring Freedom on Oct. 7, 2001 through March 2003, the Air Force flew more than 48,000 airlift missions, moving more than 513,026

passengers and 487,000 short tons of cargo to the Afghanistan area of operations. Now that is airlift in action!

The crowning moment for me during my enlightenment about airlift came from someone I least expected, a member of a foreign military service supporting the multi-national task force in Afghanistan. He said he was “incredibly impressed” with the work the United States has done getting aid and supplies into support progress in Afghanistan, much of it due to airlift. That discussion took place on my last stop before arriving at my deployed base.

My flight into “K-2,” as the base is known to most here, was on a C-130, a plane I rode on many times just a little more than a year ago in Iraq and Afghanistan. It is an airlift workhorse if I have ever seen one.

Touching down on the K-2 runway, I looked back at the C-130 loadmaster doing his work, moving around the pallets of cargo. That is when I realized that is where the hard work was done. The work that makes our deployed warriors get to the fight and win the war on terrorism.

Much of the work done by airlifters is done behind the scenes and that is the beautiful thing about it. Because it is done so well, we hardly notice it sometimes. But for me, I certainly won’t take it for granted anymore. Airlift, in any form, is a beautiful thing.

A mind is a terrible thing to waste

By **Capt. Kris Zhea**
305th Security Forces Squadron

MCGUIRE AIR FORCE BASE, N.J. (AFPN) – Each year thousands of people make New Year’s resolutions to improve their life in some way. Usually the resolutions end up being forgotten about, laughed at or buried under numerous excuses as to why they weren’t attained.

Well this year when you were sitting around the TV watching the big ball drop in Times Square and celebrating the ringing in of the New Year, hopefully you made a resolution to get smart. Get smart, you say? Yes! It is painless and requires no money, no long lines and no holiday return hassles. In fact getting smarter will actually pay you!

What I mean is, make a resolution to take advantage of the education benefits afforded to you in the military. Currently, the military Tuition Assistance Program is paying tuition costs and mandatory fees for up to a maximum of \$250 per semester hour, or \$750 per three-hour course. The current program includes a \$4,500-per-year tuition assistance ceiling. This program is commonly referred to as 100 percent T.A.

Personally, over the past 14 months I have used this program to pay for more than \$16,500 worth of graduate level instruction. That’s a nice down payment on a new car! Or, put another way, that’s 1,375 new CDs at \$12 a piece! In that time all I have paid for was books.

Have you ever heard the expression “the value of a

book is measured in degrees?” Here’s where this new resolution, getting smarter, will pay you back.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau report, “Mean Earnings of Workers 18 Years and Over, by Educational Attainment, Race, Hispanic Origin, and Sex: 1975 to 2002,” the mean income in 2002 for a person with a high school diploma was \$27,280. Compare this to mean incomes of someone with some college or an associate’s degree, \$31,046; someone with a bachelor’s degree, \$51,194; or someone with an advanced degree, \$72,824.

The message is clear, the more educated you are the greater your earning power is. That is true in the military too. Having your education will help you get promoted, get commissioned or get that dream assignment you always wanted.

There is an old recruiting slogan that states “nine out of ten employers are looking for people with skills the military teaches.” The future job market looks bright for us in the military, but it won’t be that bright without your Community College of the Air Force , associate’s, bachelor’s or master’s degree to go along with all those skills you picked while serving in the military.

“A mind is a terrible thing to waste” and so are your military benefits. Take advantage of this great program and follow your New Years resolution to, “Get Smarter!” It will cost you practically nothing, only your time, and will pay you unforeseen dividends down the road.

Commander’s Action Line

Col. Greg Patterson
Commander,
78th Air Base Wing



Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-

mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil.

Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage at <https://www.wmil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

Security Forces.....	327-3445
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EEO Office.....	926-2131
MEO.....	926-6608
Employee Relations.....	926-5802
Military Pay.....	926-3777
IDEA.....	926-2536
Base hospital.....	327-7850
Civil engineering.....	926-5657
Public Affairs.....	926-2137
Safety Office.....	926-6271
Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline.....	926-2393
Housing Office.....	926-3776

Blocked Web sites

What is the policy is for blocked Web sites? What constitutes a Web site that is acceptable?

Commander’s reply: We appreciate the opportunity to explain the recent changes in Air Force Materiel Command’s Web site blocking practices. A new tool has been put into place to help reduce the vulnerabilities that we expose our Air Force network to and to reduce some unnecessary bandwidth utilization. Many sites

that you may visit can download adware or spyware to the user’s computer and cause information to be sent to a third party - all without the user knowing it is happening. This can compromise the information on the user’s computer as well as on other computers the user has access to. Additionally, there will be an increase of traffic from that computer to the third party that uses our precious resources.

The system that is used by AFMC to filter content has 14 categories: cults, dating, drugs, games, gambling, hate speech, mature, nudity, obscene/extreme, politics/religion, sex, MP3 sites,

Web mail, and anonymizer/translator. The AFMC NOSC implemented these filters based on unofficial subjects and known vulnerabilities. No additional filtering was added locally. It is possible that some Web sites will not be blocked. New sites pop up everyday, and it’s almost impossible to have the entire list of existing sites.

If you have a site that you need access to as part of your daily work it is possible to regain access by calling 926-HELP. They will provide instructions to get the site reopened. We all have responsibility to help keep our network safe.

Remember to slow down

There have been

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speeding tickets issued calendar year to date.

How the points add up

Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

10 miles = 3 points
11 - 15 miles = 4 points
16 - 20 miles = 5 points
21+ miles = 6 points

Source: AFI 31-204



Airmen Against Drunk Drivers is a 24-hour-service that provides rides to those who have consumed alcohol and need transportation home. The program is run by volunteers from across base, and those who use the service aren’t subject to adverse action.

To request a ride, call: 335-5218, 335-5238 and 335-5236.

Robins DUI tracker

Robins has adopted a zero tolerance policy for drinking and driving. In addition to an incentive for no DUIs and putting up signs to keep the message in drivers’ minds as they leave the base, the Rev-Up will run weekly numbers of DUIs.

Fiscal 2003: 55 Fiscal 2004: 79 Fiscal 2005 to date: 17

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78th ABW Enlisted Promotion Ceremony

Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing Commander, will host the monthly 78th ABW Enlisted Promotion Ceremony at 3:30 p.m. Monday at the Base Theater. Those being recognized will be notified by their respective first sergeants. Commanders, supervisors, family members and friends are encouraged to attend. Show your unit's pride and spirit; come and join us in congratulating our new promotees. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Sharon Ward at 926-0792.

AF Reserve Palace Chase briefing

There will be a Palace Chase Force Shaping Brief Wednesday at 10 a.m. This one hour briefing will be conducted in Building 905, Room 240. The Palace Chase program is an early release program which allows active duty Air Force officers and enlisted to request to transfer from active military service to an Air Reserve Component. There are many opportunities in the Air Force Reserve for you to continue your education, cross train and serve near your home. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Danny R. Varga at 327-7367.

Search for P.O.W.s, M.I.A.s

The Sampson Air Force Base Association, Inc. want to honor and record the names of prisoners of war and missing in action for the 3650th Basic Military Training Wing (1950-56). For more information, contact Chip Phillips at (716) 633-1119 or chip34@aol.com.

Alabama ANG part-time vacancies

Are you planning Palace Chase, Palace Front, or separation from active duty? Would you like to continue receiving most of your active duty benefits and have a great part-time job? The Alabama Air National Guard units in Montgomery have the following part-time vacancies: 1N0X1-Intel, 1W0X1-Weather Spec, 2A0X1B-Av Test Station, 2A3X2A-Av System, 2A3X3B-F-16 Crew Chief, 2A6X1A-Jet Engine, 2A6X2-Age, 2A6X3-Aircrew Egress, 2A6X4-Aircraft Fuels, 2A6X5-Aircraft Hydraulics, 2A6X6-Acft Elec/Envirn, 2A7X1-Acft Metal, 2A7X2-NDI, 2F0X1-Fuels (POL), 2R0X1-Maint Data, 2T1X1-Veh Opns, 2T31X1-Vehicle Opns, 2T3X1-Spec Purpose, 2W0X1-Munitions, 2W1X1-Acft Arm, 3E0X1-Elec Sys, 3E0X2-Power Production, 3E1X1-HVAC, 3E2X1-Heavy Equip, 3E3X1-Struc, 3E4X1-Util, 3E4X2-Liquid Fuels, 3E4X3-Environmental Cont, 3E5X1 - Engineering, 3P0X1-Sec Forces, 3V0X1-Visual Info Spec, 4A0X1-Med Admin Spec, 4B0X1-Bioenv Eng, 4D0X1-Diet Therapy. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Vonsetta Roberts at DSN 358-9191, (334) 394-7191, (800) 368-4481 or vonsetta.roberts@almont.af.mil or Staff Sgt. David Coram at DSN 358-9190, (334) 394-7190 or david.coram@almont.af.mil.

Volunteer coordinator needed

The Houston Middle Georgia Chapter of the American Red Cross is looking for a coordinator of Base volunteers. This volunteer position would be responsible for keeping time sheets for volunteers, planning yearly recognition services, getting new volunteers interested and

placed, doing orientations for the American Red Cross and then scheduling new volunteers for any Base orientation classes, doing morale checks with volunteers, working closely with Family Support Center representative and American Red Cross representative to ensure volunteers' needs are being met. If you are interested, send a resume and cover letter by mail to Mary Jennings, Base Liaison, American Red Cross, 346 Corder Rd., Warner Robins,

GA 31088, by e-mail at mjennings@redcrosshmga.org or by fax at 922-8858.

Arkansas Air Guard vacancies

The 223rd Combat Communication Squadron in Hot Springs, Ark., has traditional Guard vacancies for individuals that are separating from the active duty Air Force or who are qualified for the Palace Chase/Palace Front Program in the following: AFSC's 2E1X1, 3C0X1,

3C251, 2E2X1, 2E6X1, 2E1X3 and 3E1X1. Cross training is available. The following officer position is available: electrical engineer. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Kenneth R. Esaw at DSN 627-9226 or at (800) 631-0509.

Tuskegee Airmen Inc. chapter scholarships

The Maj. Gen. Joseph A. McNeil Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen Inc. at Robins is accepting applications for the

Pratt & Whitney Golden Eagle Award scholarship. Financially disadvantaged, deserving young men and women who demonstrate a sincere pursuit of education leading to aviation, aerospace, engineering or technology careers will receive a \$20,000 scholarship. Forty-one Tuskegee Airmen scholarships of \$1,500 will also be awarded. Applicants must be students of accredited high schools who have graduated or will graduate in 2005. Application forms and instruc-

tions may be obtained from high school guidance counselors, www.tuskegeearmen.org or from the Robins chapter. Application deadline is Feb. 12.

78th Comptroller Squadron

The finance customer service new window hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Annette Hankins at 926-4022 extension 102.

New agreement will strengthen network security

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – In an initiative to secure computers and networks worldwide, Air Force officials entered into an agreement with Microsoft to purchase software and support for more than a half-million computers.

Under the agreement, in partnership with Dell Computer Corp., all existing Air Force software and support contracts will be combined into one. The resulting contract will affect about 525,000 computers, officials said.

By purchasing software for the whole service under one licensing agreement, the Air Force will save \$100 million over the course of the

contract, they said.

But, the real intent of the contract consolidation is not to save money, but to improve security on the Air Force network and to protect the integrity of the valuable information that travels on it, said John M. Gilligan, the Air Force’s chief information officer.

“The major driver for us is security,” Mr. Gilligan said. “Our war fighters recognize that as we come to depend on this network, it has to be available. If there is a potential of disruption to the network, then all of the sudden this competitive edge we have of leveraging information technology just disappears.”

“Today (the Air Force has) a lot of separate contracts; the software is con-

figured separately by each of the contracts and by each of the local installations, so we have thousands of separate configurations,” Mr. Gilligan said. As many as 38 separate contracts, managed by the major commands, have been in effect at one time, he said.

Such dissimilarity between computers and networks makes it difficult to centrally manage the Air Force network, Mr. Gilligan said. While installing security patches to desktop computers today can be done automatically in some locations, in most places the work must be done by technicians installing updates one computer at a time. That method is costly and time consuming, he said.

“It takes months, literally, in most

cases (to install a security patch),” Mr. Gilligan said.

In an ideal situation, every machine would be exactly the same, making it easy for network managers to discover problems, devise solutions and apply fixes, he said. The new information technology initiative aims to move the Air Force in that direction.

Once the changeover is complete, updates can be made automatically to all computers at once, Mr. Gilligan said. The decision to update or not would be centralized, and the fix would be “pushed” out over the Air Force network to every computer attached.

Centralizing computer management also means a savings in terms of manpower requirements, Mr. Gilligan said.

There are about 50,000 people in the Air Force sustaining networks, servers and desktops, he said. Through common configurations, the automatic distribution of patches and the consolidation of help desks, those people can be freed up to work on other tasks.

Another part of the Air Force’s agreement will provide for low-cost software for Airmen to use on their personal computers.

For a little more than \$20, Airmen will have the option of getting a copy of Microsoft Office for use on their home computers, Mr. Gilligan said. Airmen will receive notification through their major commands as how best to take advantage of the low-cost software purchase, he said.

Airmen continue to deliver relief in Thailand



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Michael Farris

BANGKOK, Thailand – An Airman here launches an MC-130 to Phuket, Thailand, on Jan. 1. The plane was loaded with five pallets of blankets and medical supplies. He and 100 others from the 353rd Special Operations Group are flying supplies to the tsunami-hit areas of southern Thailand. The 353rd SOG is assigned to Kadena Air Base, Japan.

Government cell phone users should register with do not call registry

The 78th Communications Squadron Personal Wireless Communications Systems office suggests that all government owned cell phones be registered with the National Do Not Call Registry.

The purpose of the registry is to prevent unsolicited telemarketers from calling cell phone service subscribers and wasting cell phone minutes.

The process to register government and personal cell phone numbers is very simple.

You can register online at

<https://www.donotcall.gov> or call (888) 382-1222.

If you call the toll free number using your cell phone you will not get a receipt; however, you can still go online to verify that your number has been registered.

Should you receive a telemarketer's call, you can log onto the link provided to submit a complaint.

Once registration is completed it will remain in affect for five years.

The PWCS office can help you with this process if needed; call 926-0066.

Instant messenger approved as alternative to e-mail

By Airmen 1st Class
Allan Pimbe Jr.
and Oranz Walker Jr.
78th CS/SCBT

Many Robins e-mail users already know that a major change is coming.

Robins is soon to become a Regional Data Center for Air Force Materiel Command and will host e-mail for all AFMC bases in the Southeast.

Along with the cutover to the new e-mail system comes a new communications capability for all of us – Microsoft Windows Messenger will become the quick communications tool of choice for many, if not most, e-mail users.

That utility is used for the messages that, while important at the moment, don’t nec-

essarily need to be stored on our e-mail server nor backed up at the end of a day for future reference.

Messenger allows you to send short messages without the complications of e-mail. These quick messages can be read and forgotten – no record needs to be kept.

Windows Messenger also provides a quick-access contacts list, which can be custom organized into groups for each user’s needs.

In the past, this capability has not been allowed across our network due to security and other issues. The latest versions of the Windows Operating System and Messenger have changed all that.

The Air Force not only allows Windows Messenger,

but is encouraging it for use in place of those quick messages we often send back and forth between our “teammates” on base.

Want to remind your car pool riders it’s time to go? Use Windows Messenger. Need to ask the guy three cubicles down for that reference he used in the staff meeting? Use Windows Messenger. Need to keep that reference for future use? Use Outlook.

If you want to send a file without worrying about reaching your mailbox size quota, this can be done using Messenger.

It can also be used to invite more than one user into a conversation for last-minute conferences as an alternative to meeting in a room.

There is an emoticon feature that allows the user to select miniature icons to express one’s feelings during a conversation.

Letting others know you are “away” or “out to lunch” is as simple as two clicks of the mouse.

Messenger is already loaded on most computers on base. To begin using it just look in your start menu programs, click Windows Messenger, and enter your username and password. It’s really that simple.

If you have questions contact your workgroup manager or the 78th Comm Squadron - Airman 1st Class Oranz Walker at 926-3800 extension 211 or Airman 1st Class Allan Pimble at 926-3800 extension 191.

Executive order makes 2005 pay tables official

ARLINGTON, Va. – President George W. Bush signed an executive order Dec. 30 making the 2005 military and civilian pay tables official.

The 2005 pay scales are available online at the following Web sites:

- Military Pay Tables – www.dfas.mil/money/milpay/pay/.
- Civilian Pay Tables –

www.opm.gov/oca/05tables/index.asp/.

Congress approved an average raise of 3.5 percent for military servicemembers, and the President's order provided for an across-the-board increase of 2.5 percent in base pay for the Foreign Service and certain pay scales used by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

– Air Force Print News

Maj. Gen. Tanzi selected as AFRC vice commander

By 1st Lt. Lance Patterson
Air Force Reserve Command
Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. David E. Tanzi has been selected to serve as vice commander of Air Force Reserve Command, and will take the reins here this month.

He will replace Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., who will retire after he relinquishes his post to General Tanzi Jan. 21. General Tanzi currently commands 10th Air Force, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas.

General Tanzi is a native of Hanover, N.H. He entered the Air Force through the Ohio Air National Guard in 1968 and earned his wings in 1970. As a fighter weapons school graduate, he has held several supervisory and command positions to include serving as a squadron, group and wing commander.

General Tanzi is a command pilot with more than 4,500 flying hours in several fighter aircraft. He flew combat missions over northern Iraq in support of Operation Provide Comfort II. The general retired from civil service Dec. 3. He is now a full-time reservist in the Active Guard and Reserve program.



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NCO Retraining Program Phase II gets underway, runs through Feb. 28

By Staff Sgt. Arlisa Stallworth
78th Mission Support Squadron

Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center released the fiscal 2005 Noncommissioned Officer Retraining Program Phase II implementation message Dec. 3.

Due to low voluntary retraining rate, phase II must be implemented to maintain a balance among Air Force enlisted specialties.

The involuntary phase will be implemented for the Air Force Specialty Codes that did not meet their retraining out targets under phase I.

Involuntary retraining will be implemented in the following AFSCs and will run through Feb. 28:

AFSC / TITLE / GRADE-QUOTA
NUMBER / RETRAINING-IN RESTRICTIONS

1A0X1 / IN-FLIGHT REFUELING / SSGT-34 / 1A1X1C ONLY

1A8X1C / AIRBORNE CRYPTO LINGUIST (SERBO-CROATIAN) / SSGT-9, TSGT-2 /1A8X1X ONLY

1C6X1 / SPACE SYSTEMS OPS / SSGT-26 / NONE

2A0X1B / AVIONICS SYS, HELICOPTERS & ACFT (EXCEPT F-15) / SSGT-13,TSGT-4 / 2A3X2 ONLY

2A0X1D / ELECT WARFARE SYS, HELICOPTER & ACFT / TSGT-1 / NONE

2A571 / AEROSPACE MAINT / TSGT-23 / NONE

2A5X3C / INTEGRATED AVIONICS SYS (ELECT WARFARE) / SSGT-12 / NONE

2A6X1B / AEROSPACE PROPULSION (TURBOPROP & TURBOSHAFT) / TSGT-1 / NONE

2A6X2 / AEROSP GROUND EQUIP / TSGT-7 / NONE

2A6X5 / ACFT HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS / TSGT-2 / NONE

2E0X1 / GROUND RADAR SYSTEMS / SSGT-9 / NONE

2E1X4 / VISUAL IMAGERY & INSTRUSION DETECTION SYS / TSGT-5 / NONE

2E6X2 / COMM CABLE & ANT SYSTEMS / SSGT-10, TSGT-2 / NONE

2P0X1 / PRECISION MEAS EQUIP LAB (PMEL) / SSGT-2, TSGT-8 / NONE

2S090 / SUPPLY MGT SUPT / SMSGT-3 / 2W2X1 ONLY

2S0X1 / SUPPLY MGT / SSGT-77, TSGT-12 / NONE

2S0X2 / SUPPLY SYS ANALYSIS / TSGT-3 / NONE

2T1X1 / VEHICLE OPS / TSGT-9 / NONE

2T2X1 / AIR TRANS / TSGT-7 / NONE

2T370 / VEHICLE & VEHICULAR EQUIP MAINT / TSGT-13 / NONE

3A091 / INFORMATION MGT SUPT / SMSGT-5 / 5J0X1 & 6C0X1 ONLY

3C1X1 / RADIO COMM SYS / SSGT-6 / 3C1X2 ONLY

3C2X1 / COMM COMPUTER SYS CON / SSGT-60 / NONE

3E0X1 / ELECTRICAL SYS/SSGT-25, TSGT-2 / NONE

3E0X2 / ELECTRIC POWER PRODUCTION / SSGT-10, TSGT-2 / NONE

3E1X1 / HEATING, VENT, A/C, & REFRIG / SSGT-22, TSGT-7 / NONE

3E2X1 / PAVEMENTS & CONST EQUIP / SSGT-27, TSGT-6 / NONE

3E3X1 / STRUCTURAL / SSGT-22, TSGT-9 / NONE

3E4X1 / UTILITIES SYS / SSGT-17, TSGT-5 / NONE

3E4X2 / LIQUID FUEL SYS MAINT / SSGT-1, TSGT-1 / NONE

3E6X1 / OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT / TSGT-3 / NONE

3P091 / SECURITY FORCES SUPT / SMSGT-5 / 5J0X1 & 6C0X1 ONLY

3P071 / SECURITY FORCES / TSGT-39, MSGT-25 / NONE

3P0X1 / SECURITY FORCES / SSGT-29 / 3P0X1A & 3P0X1B ONLY

4J0X2 / PHYSICAL MEDICINE / SSGT-2 / 4J0X2A ONLY

4N071 / AEROSPACE MED SVC / TSGT-14 / NONE

4N1X1 / SURGICAL SVC / SSGT-5 / 4N1X1 (B, C OR D SHREDS) ONLY

4R0X1 / DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING / SSGT-25 / 4R0X1 (A, B OR C SHREDS) ONLY

HQ AFPC will make AFSC selection for vulnerable members. Each individual will be notified by the retraining office once list is received from AFPC. If you have any questions, please contact Staff Sgt. Arlisa Stallworth at 327-7353.

POW/MIA memorial closer to reality



Courtesy photo

Lynn Morley from the Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter Air Force Association presented a \$2,000 check to the Robins POW/MIA Organization Dec. 8 to assist their efforts in building a memorial on the Museum of Aviation grounds. The group is very close to achieving its goal and hopes to get the memorial started this year. If anyone is interested in supporting the cause, the group meets at the Smith Community Center conference room every third Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m. except for the month of December. If interested, call Melanie Moore at 926-7919 or C. Susan Agustine at 926-5820 extension 206. From left, Staff Sgt. Melanie Moore, POW/MIA Memorial Organization president; Kathy Copija, AFA Vet Day project officer; Lynn Morley, Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter AFA president; Corazon "Susan" Agustine, POW/MIA Memorial Organization former president; and David Cowles, POW/MIA Memorial Board of Director/Vet 5K Run Day project officer were present to accept the check from the AFA to help with efforts in building a POW/MIA memorial.

Air Force team to aid Secret Service during inauguration

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. – When President Bush is inaugurated Jan. 20, an Air Force Communications Agency team will be there, and elsewhere, supporting the U.S. Secret Service.

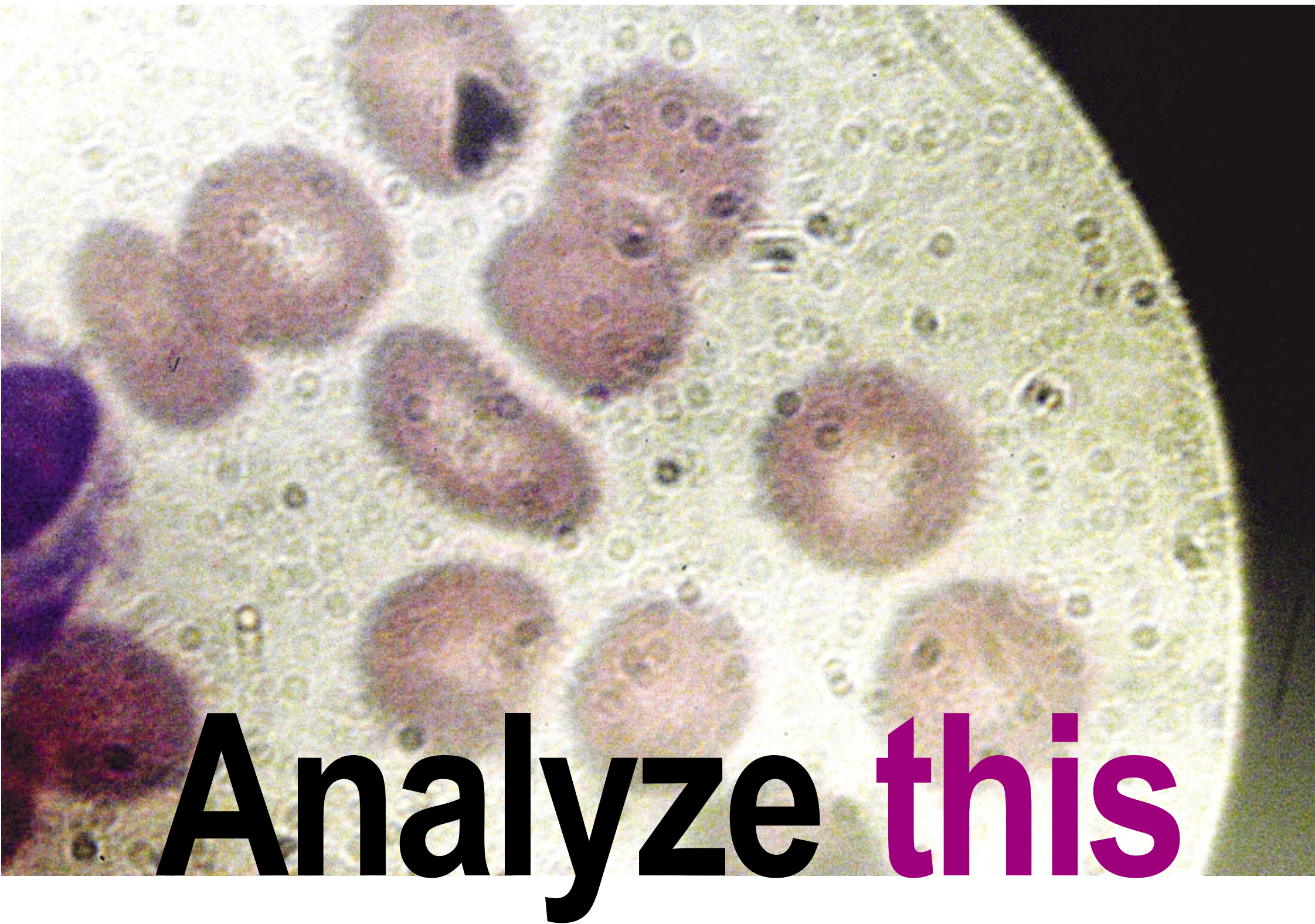
Agency officials started providing communications support for the 2004 presidential campaign two years ago. Since then, the 52 people of the Air Force Protective Communications Support Team have been in high gear.

The team provides essential protective communications support to the U.S. Secret Service for the protection of the president, vice president, presidential candidates and former presidents, and for for-

eign dignitaries visiting the United States and United Nations. They also provide technical assistance for evaluation, maintenance and upgrade of U.S. Secret Service communications systems at 135 field offices nationwide, and they support international and special events.

Since 2003, the team has served a combined 2,300 days supporting a variety of missions including party conventions, small political events around the country, as well as President Reagan’s funeral in June.

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Analyze this

78th Medical Group lab technicians keep Airmen healthy

By Holly L. Birchfield
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While the sight of blood and the pricking of needles may make some people queasy – it’s just another day at work for 78th Medical Group lab technicians who help keep Airmen healthy.

Eleven lab technicians work together throughout several departments analyzing hundreds of fluid and tissue samples each day to help doctors get to the root of what’s bugging patients.

Tech. Sgt. Matthew Hurlless, noncommissioned officer in charge of central operations and the urinalysis section, said collecting test samples can make for a long day.

“It can get hectic sometimes,” he said. “We have a lot of different tests we do – thousands.

Sometimes, when you’re doing the lab work, it seems like you’re just taking blood samples for physicals and taking care of retirees and you can lose sight of why we’re here – and that’s to help doctors take care of the war fighters’ health.”

But the science of keeping war fighters healthy isn’t always a simple process, said Penny Seals, microbiology supervisor for the lab who keeps cultures and other samples under a watchful eye on a daily basis.

“In microbiology, there’s always an exception to the rule – always,” she said. “We can always say this particular organism is going to do this or that, but sometimes it doesn’t. It’s never clear-cut. There can always be a twist that causes us to have to do more research to find out what something is.”

The technologist said each morning brings new challenges as she checks cultures from the previous day to see what was created by hours of incubation.

“We put the samples we receive on blood plates called ‘media’ to let them grow so we can tell the doctor what the problem is,” she said. “It usually takes about 18 to 24 hours for the bacteria to grow.”

And even though the process of elimination can be tedious, Mrs. Seals said the thrill of the hunt is exhilarating.



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Top, a slide of blood cells as photographed through a microscope. Above left, Master Sgt. Roderick Capers, superintendent of lab service, analyzes a urinalysis slide. Above right, Penny Seals, microbiology supervisor, loads blood samples into a centrifuge to run for chemistry panels. Below, Tech. Sgt. Clara Miller draws blood from Senior Airman Suzanne Pamplin.



“I enjoy the investigation,” she said. “I love coming in here in the morning and seeing something new and trying to figure out what it is.”

According to Tech. Sgt. Clara Miller, a lab technician in the lab’s

shipping department, Robins ships nearly 400 test samples to laboratories at Brooks and Lackland Air Force bases in Texas for analysis not performed here, like thyroid function and HIV tests.

Sergeant Miller said teamwork

makes the lab run efficiently.

“Teamwork is the key to getting everything done with such a small staff,” she said. “It stays pretty busy in here. You have to stay on top of things and help out wherever you can.”



Senior Airman Nicole Camp prepares to view some slides through the microscope.

Supporting the mission

In addition to routine laboratory testing, the 78th Medical Group Laboratory provides services in support of drug testing for the Robins Demand Reduction Program, collection of specimen for 78th Security Forces and Office of Special Investigations, and provides support for homeland security as part of the national Laboratory Response Network.

The group’s laboratory is located on the first floor of Building 700. Military members, retired military and military dependents whose doctors have ordered laboratory tests for them may make appointments from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, contact the Lab at 327-7936.



Airman 1st Class Keith Johnson works with cholesterol samples.

2005 FEDERAL HOLIDAYS

Federal law (5 U.S.C. 6103) establishes the following public holidays for federal employees. Please note that most federal employees work on a Monday through Friday schedule. For these employees, when a holiday falls on a nonworkday – Saturday or Sunday – the holiday usually is observed on Monday (if the holiday falls on Sunday) or Friday (if the holiday falls on Saturday).

JAN	FEB	MAY	JULY	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	MARCH, APRIL, JUNE, AUGUST
Monday, Jan. 17: Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.	Monday, Feb. 21: Washington's Birthday	Monday, May 30: Memorial Day	Monday, July 4: Independence Day	Monday, Sept. 5: Labor Day	Monday, Oct. 10: Columbus Day	Friday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day Thursday, Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Day	Monday, Dec. 26: Christmas Day	no federal holiday

SERVICES BRIEFS

Child Development Centers East & West

Give Parents a Break and Hourly Care are available the first Friday of every month from 6:30 - 10 p.m. at the Child Development Center East and School Age Program (unless otherwise posted). An advance \$6 nonrefundable deposit is required by the prior Monday for hourly care. Cost is \$3 per child, per hour for children six weeks to 12 years old. New enrollees must have up-to-date shot records for their children and complete required forms prior to making reservations. For more information, call 926-5805.

Enlisted Club

The club will sponsor a trip to Atlanta for the Hawks versus Miami Heat basketball game Jan. 28. Cost is \$50 and includes ticket, transportation, complimentary beverages and food. For more information, call 926-4515.

The GO Program

The GO program offers a variety of events, activities and discounts designed specifically for Robins' junior

enlisted force. All E -1 through E - 4's and their immediate family members may take advantage of these programs. Your GO card is your entry to all special events and must be shown to receive special discounts. Look for GO offers throughout 78th Services Division facilities during January and February. Make sure you carry your card. The GO patrol will be doing random spot checks and awarding prizes.

Airmen who show their GO card can take advantage of the following in January:

- Get a free fountain drink, with a meal purchase of \$4 or more, at the Pine Oaks Golf Course, Fairways Restaurant, Robins Enlisted Club and Robins Lanes Bowling Center On Spot Café.

- Get hot wings for 25 cents during M.U.G. night every Wednesday at the enlisted club. Wednesday entertainment at the club is karaoke.

- Show your card at the AAFES movie theater and pay half price.

- Free shoe rental every day at the bowling center.

- Every Saturday, pay 75 cents for non-alcoholic strawberry daiquiris and pina coladas from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Enlisted Club.

- Save 10 percent on golf lessons at the golf course with John Anderson

- Save 10 percent on all rental items, car sales lot fee and skeet at the skeet range with Outdoor Recreation.

- Receive one hour of free stall rental per visit at the Auto Skills Center; one hour free shop fee per visit at the wood shop; one hour free shop time per visit at the frame shop and free acrylic painting classes with supplies included at the Skills Development Center.

- Show your 2005 volunteer T-shirt from the 9th Annual Museum of Aviation Foundation Marathon and your Go card by Jan. 18 at the bowling center and receive an AAFES gift card while supplies last.

Information, Tickets and Travel

Take a trip with ITT to

watch the Atlanta Hawks versus the New Jersey Nets at the Philips Arena Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$55 per person. Transportation will depart the community center at 4 p.m. For more information, call 926-2945.

Information, Tickets and Travel has tickets to The Graduate, starring Morgan Fairchild, Jan. 29 at 2 and 8 p.m. for \$54 until Jan. 14. The play will be held at the Fox Theatre in Atlanta.

Officers' Club

Dinner with executive chef Calvin Clark is scheduled for Jan. 22. This five-course dinner includes wine and dinner music for \$60 per guest. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7. Make your reservation by Jan. 18 as the club will be limited to 48 guests. For more information, call 926-2670.

Pizza Depot

Pizza Depot January specials include any wrap and regular fountain drink for \$5 and chef salad and tea for \$4.50.

Riding stables

The riding stables, near Luna Lake, offer a lighted riding ring, hot and cold wash racks, a horse trail, stalls and a horse pasture. Costs include monthly \$15 family membership fee plus monthly stable fee of \$67. All base ID cardholders, to include active duty, reserve, retired and DoD civilians, are eligible to use the stables. For more information, call 926-4001.

Smith Community Center

A table tennis tournament will be held Thursday at 4:30 p.m. Register at the community center now. The tournament will consist of a single elimination with base champion to receive a trophy. Free to all active duty members, DoD civilians, contractors, retirees, spouses and other family members. For more information, call 926-2105.

Skeet Range

The new skeet range hours are Wednesday 3 - 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday noon - 6 p.m.

LEAVE/ TRANSFER

The following people have been approved as participants in the leave transfer program.

Gaye Hattaway, WR-ALC/LSAGS. Point of contact is Kim Mattox at 926-7279.

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Angela Trunzo by fax at 926-9597, or e-mail at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic Masses are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Protestant General Services take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. This service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and in format. **Protestant Inspirational Services** take place every Sunday at 8 a.m. **Protestant Contemporary Services** take place 11 a.m. each Sunday at the Base Theater. This service is very informal, with a praise team assisting in singing and includes both traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

Jewish service time is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel. For more information or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

Transition assistance

The Transition Assistance Program ensures active duty personnel are prepared to separate from the military. Classes are offered throughout the year.

Relocation assistance

The FSC has videos on many Air Force installations around the world available for checkout. The relocation assistance program also has a Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service that has information on all military installations worldwide at www.airforcesourceone.com (user ID: airforce; password: ready). For more information, call 926-3453.

Pre-deployment briefings

Pre-deployment briefings are offered by the FSC readiness team at 8:30 a.m. Mondays and Fridays in Building 945,

FSC annex. For more information, call 926-3453.

Career focus

Career Focus provides ways for military spouses and family members, and displaced DoD civilian personnel to identify skills and interest, plan careers, improve job search skills, and increase opportunities for employment or a career change. For more information, call 926-1256.

Airman's attic

The Airmen's Attic program supports junior enlisted members that are establishing a household. E-4s and below are encouraged to visit the attic to find items to help defray the cost of setting up an apartment or home. Items usually available include kitchenware, small appliances and decorative items. The attic also provides children's clothing, toys and military uniforms. Large items such as chairs, couches, washers, dryers, entertainment centers, desks and tables are donated to the Airman's Attic. These larger items are passed on

to junior enlisted members by way of a "Wish List." Airmen are encouraged to visit the Attic and list their needs on the wish list.

Morale call program

Standard morale calls are conducted over the DSN with a regular telephone. The military member provides the DSN number, where he or she is located, to the family member. The family member calls the FSC at 926-1256 to receive a control number.

The standard telephonic morale call may be conducted at home after the control number is received. Once a convenient time for both the military member and the family member is chosen, the family member calls the base operator at 926-1110 to make the morale call.

Please choose a time wherein both parties can complete the entire 15-minute conversation within one call. The videophone morale call must be conducted at the FSC. Videophone Morale Calls are made using the VIATV system.

ROBINS CLUBS

Aerospace Toastmasters Club 3368 meets the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the PK conference room, Building 300. If you wish to enhance your communication skills and become a better leader at work and in your community, come join us. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Robert E. Hall at 497-2946 or Brenda Smith at 222-1710.

Air Force Association Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter 296 meets the second Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in the Dandelion Room of the Officers' Club. For more information, contact Julie Vick at 926-2264 or Lynn Morley at 926-6295.

The Air Force Cadet Officer Mentor Action Program (AFCOMAP) Middle Georgia Chapter, a professional organization dedicated to the mentoring and professional development of all Air Force officers and officer candidates, meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in the Dandelion Room of the Officers' Club. More information can be found on Robins homepage under Special Functions.

National Contract Management

Association usually meets the third Wednesday of the month at the Officers' Club at 11:30 a.m., but that can change depending on speaker availability. For information, call Michelle Idone at 926-2231.

Officers' Christian Fellowship meets Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m. at a member's home. OCF serves all active duty officers, enlisted personnel, guard and reserve members, ROTC cadets/midshipmen, international military personnel and civilian employees of military retirees. For more information, contact Capt. Melissa Cunningham at melissa.cunningham@robins.af.mil or 1st Lt. Ann Walsh at ann.walsh@robins.af.mil

Procurement Toastmasters Club, open to all of Team Robins, meets the first and third Thursday of each month at noon in the Contracting Directorate's conference room, north end of Building 300. For information, call Lily Fickler at 222-1673.

Ravens Toastmasters Club meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Special Operations Forces Management Directorate's conference room No. 1, Building 300, East Wing, door E-4. For

information, call Eddie Sanford at 222-3052.

Reserve Officers Association Chapter 36, The Flying Tigers, holds its luncheon meetings the second Tuesday of each month, 11:30 a.m., at the Officers' Club. Lunch is pay-as-you-go buffet. Membership is open to Reserve officers of any service component, active or retired, and spouses. For more information, contact Lt. Col. Larry Ruggiero at 327-0227 or Lt. Col. Ray Cancilleri at 327-1622.

The Robins Prisoner of War – Missing in Action Memorial Organization meets the third Monday of each month except for December. The meeting is held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Smith Community Center.

Robins Top 3 Association meets the third Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. at the Enlisted Club. For information, call Master Sgt. John Maldonado at 926-7686 or Senior Master Sgt. Cynthia Cummings at 327-7639.

Editor's Note: Information is provided by club members. To have your club or group's information included or updated, submit it to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Adult tickets are \$3.50; children (11 years old and younger) tickets are \$2. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.

Today 7:30 p.m. – Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason – Renee Zellweger and Colin Firth

Six weeks after the events in Bridget Jones's Diary, erstwhile London singleton Bridget Jones is still happily dating human-rights lawyer Mark Darcy. But eventually she starts to notice his flaws and begins wondering if he isn't interested in his new co-worker. Bridget's love life is further complicated when her former boss and flame Daniel Cleaver arrives on the scene, having landed a job at Bridget's TV station.

Rated R (language and some sexual content) 108 minutes

Saturday 2 p.m. – The Incredibles – Animated

A dysfunctional family of famous superheroes, led by the retired and overweight Mr. Incredible is placed in a quiet suburb by the Witness Protection Program in order to protect them from their arch-nemesis. But their peaceful existence is hardly that, with family disagreements sprouting up even during fights with the bad guys. And when the world is threatened, Mr. Incredible must go back to work to save the planet.

Rated PG (Parental Guidance Suggested) 115 minutes

7:30 p.m. – Alexander – Collin Farrell and Angelina Jolie

By the age of 32, Alexander the Great had amassed the greatest empire the world had ever seen. In between, his life was marked by a tumultuous relationship with his parents who were determined to put their child on the throne at any cost, including murder. Alexander also bonded with his closest companions and led a vast army, as they fought from the sun-scorched battlefields of the Persian Empire across the snow-peaked mountains of India. The film chronicles his journey from his youth to his lonely and mysterious death as a ruler of a vast state of Macedonia.

Rated R (violence and some sexuality/nudity) 173 minutes

COMING SOON: Jan. 14 - **Ocean's Twelve** - George Clooney and Brad Pitt

Rated R (language and sexual content) 130 minutes

Jan. 15 - **Blade: Trinity** - Wesley Snipes and Kris Kristofferson

Rated R (strong pervasive violence and language, and some sexual content) 106 minutes



Armed Forces Team wins Gold

By Lanorris Askew
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A recent trip to Mons, Belgium, netted two members of Team Robins a place on the royal court – of basketball that is.

Mike Roy and John Bailey were both chosen to represent the United States in the crème de la crème of military basketball competition, the 41st Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, or SHAPE, Men’s International Basketball Championship.

The tournament, which ran from Nov. 28 through Dec. 5, pitted allies on the battlefield against each other on the hardwood. Participating countries included Italy, Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Turkey, United Kingdom, Canada, Belgium and USA.

Roy, a first lieutenant who works as an air weapons officer on the JSTARS aircraft, said he got his lucky break to play on the All Forces team when another player dropped off.

Although the usual selection method is to choose from members of the All Army and All Air Force teams, the coach was looking for a point guard, and Roy’s four years of college ball made him a great catch.

What to know

The United States won the gold medal in the 41st Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe Basketball Tournament that ended Dec. 5 in Mons, Belgium.

“It was a great experience,” he said. “It was a really talented team, and a great bunch of soldiers and athletes.”

The tournament consisted of four games played among nine teams. The U.S. played its first game against the United Kingdom team resulting in a 107-71 victory. The second game against the Czech Republic gave them a 115 - 72 victory and the third game, against Canada ended in a 100-58 win, advancing them to the final game of pool play against Lithuania. That game determined who would play for the gold medal in the finals.

The U.S. team defeated Lithuania 94 - 87 after a nail biting 44-44 half time tie score.

The championship game was played against Italy, and according to Roy the Italians were the favorites to win, but the U.S. team gave their best performance of the tourna-

ment defeating them 107-70. The wins could be attributed to many things, but assistant coach John Bailey attributes them to the camaraderie and hard work of the team. He said the fact that they witnessed the U.S. Olympic team get annihilated by the Europeans didn’t hurt either.

“They didn’t want the same thing to happen to them,” he said. “It had been quite a while since the U.S. won any kind of international basketball tournament so the guys took it upon themselves to make sure we ended that drought.”

Bailey, who works as an item manager in the C-17 product directorate, was chosen by the team’s head coach, Babejohn Kwasinak, to serve as assistant coach. His history of 10 years on the all Air Force team when he was active duty put his name high on the list of choices.

“It was an honor and a privilege to help coach this team,” he said.

The team had never played together before their three-week training camp at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, prior to the tournament. But the two coaches helped meld the team together.

“They did a good job of blending the team - getting



Courtesy photo

From left are Supreme Allied Commander, Europe and Commander of the United States European Command Marine Gen. James L. Jones, John Bailey, Mike Roy, Marine Corps Sgt. Maj, Alford L. McMichael, Allied Command Operations senior noncommissioned officer.

guys who were a bunch of strangers to play together and represent the U.S.,” Roy said. “This is the highest level in Armed Forces basketball and I’d be honored to play again. I’m not sure if the opportunity will be there, but if it is, I’ll take it.”

Both men said they made some friends for life and have continued to stay in touch with their teammates through e-mail.

During their stay, the team was able to go to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center and the Medical Transition Detachment, where the wounded troops from Iraq

come in, to visit and present them with some DVDs they personally bought for their day room.

“The whole experience was an honor,” said Roy. “You don’t get too many opportunities to wear a uniform that says USA.”

The team received a trophy to be kept in San Antonio at the Armed Forces Program, and each player received a gold medal.

Bailey has been selected as the All Air Force head coach for the 2005 season and hopes to get a chance at head coach for this year’s SHAPE tournament.

Bodybuilding supplement off limits to Airmen in new year

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – Airmen who take androstenedione to increase muscle mass will soon have to ditch the supplement and just do extra repetitions at the gym.

Under a new law that takes effect Jan. 20, the prohormone androstenedione will be classified as a Schedule III controlled substance. Schedule III substances are those defined by the government as having a potential for abuse. The drug, commonly called “andro,” is used by bodybuilders to help build mass, said Col. (Dr.) Vincent F. Carr, the Air Force’s chief consultant for internal medicine services.

“Andro includes a number of compounds which altogether are a precursor to the male hormone testosterone,” Dr. Carr said. “Folks take this to bulk up their muscles and increase their ability to weight lift and to gain endurance

for their exercise programs.”

Other drugs listed as Schedule III substances include the anesthetic ketamine, called “Special K” by the clubgoers who use it; testosterone, and forms of codeine and morphine.

Once ingested, Dr. Carr said, androstenedione is converted to testosterone. Testosterone is responsible for developing such male characteristics as muscle size and body hair. For androstenedione to create muscle mass, a user must take it in an amount that also causes side effects that are damaging to his or her health.

“Part of the problem is that if you take large amounts of androstenedione over a long period of time, you have the potential to develop liver disease, liver failure, heart disease, kidney disease and an acceleration of hardening of the arteries,” Dr. Carr said. “For ladies, it may block some of the female hormones, so they may experience symptoms such as male-

pattern baldness.”

Because androstenedione creates artificial levels of testosterone in the body, natural production of the hormone can be reduced. Slowing the normal production of testosterone also affects a user’s body.

“A male may find that because he doesn’t have normal testosterone production, his testicles get smaller,” Dr. Carr said.

Use of androstenedione is also known to reduce sperm count in men and to reduce breast size in women. The drug may also have psychological effects.

“One of the biggest problems that gets users into trouble is that aggressive behavior manifests itself,” Dr. Carr said. “They get into fights, and that could have a major effect on the work environment.”

Androstenedione is found in many bodybuilding supplements that are available in nutrition and fitness stores.

But Lt. Col. Ronald L. Blakely, the staff food and drug safety officer for the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, said the products are no longer available in AAFES stores.

“Due to health concerns, the four dietary supplements that contained androstenedione ... were phased out by December 2002,” Colonel Blakely said. “AAFES’ direct store operations never offered nor-androstenedione supplements, also known as ‘nor-andro’ supplements.”

Colonel Blakely also said that General Nutrition Center concessions no longer sell “andro” or “nor-andro” products.

On Jan. 20, androstenedione may no longer be legally purchased. It will also be illegal to use the prohormone, even if it was purchased before then. Use, possession, or distribution of androstenedione after Jan. 20 will be a violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bowling Center

The third annual Baker tournament will be held Saturday. Teams consist of four person mixed with a minimum of one male or one female. Entry fee is \$60 per team. Bowl 10 games across 10 lanes, and the first team to bowl a 300 game gets a \$100 bonus. For more information, call 926-2112.

A handicap doubles competition is scheduled for Jan. 17 with a cost of \$20 per couple. Handicap is 90 percent of 220. Competition takes place at 2 p.m. Also as an option, you can pay an additional \$5 and use your doubles score to enter the singles competition.

Every Wednesday in January is beat the clock day. Start bowling before 1 p.m. and pay \$1 per game; start at 2 p.m. and pay \$1.25 per game; start at 3 p.m. and pay \$1.50 per game or start by 4 p.m. and pay \$1.75 per game.

Fitness Center

A pregnancy and exercise seminar will be held Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Health and Wellness Center. Register at the fitness center.

Youth Center

Robins Youth Center Soccer registration begins Jan. 15 - 22. Cost for returning players \$30. Any new players cost is \$60. Registration is conducted Monday through Friday 3 - 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. For more information call 926-2110.

Robins Youth Center will be conducting baseball, softball, T-ball, ages 5 - 18, and micro T-ball, ages 3 and 4, registrations Feb. 21 - 28. For more information, call Ron Hayes at 926-211.

Applications are being accepted for spring soccer and baseball coaches. No experience required, training will be provided. Apply in person at the youth center or call Ron Hayes at 926-2110.

Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape specialist technical school graduates authorized berets

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FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. (AFPN) – Students who complete the Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape specialist technical school here are now qualified to wear the new SERE beret.

The pewter-green beret is worn with the SERE specialist device, which depicts a bald eagle in front of a compass rose with barbed wire across it.

“The beret solidifies the Combat Rescue Officer, SERE and Pararescue communities as a united weapons system,” said Chief Master Sgt. Robert Ploof, command chief of the 336th Training Group here.

The Air Force SERE career field is the only specialty in the Department of Defense responsible for recruiting, training and employing SERE specialists, officials said. Speciality military units historically wear berets, the officials said.

“The beret is a motivational factor for SERE Specialists candidates in training and will aid in recruiting, retention and esprit-de-corps,” Chief Ploof said.



Courtesy photo

FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. – Staff Sgt. John Hernoian wears the new Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape instructor beret. He is assigned to the 22nd Training Squadron here.

Officials announce distribution dates for tax statements

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFPN) – Defense Finance and Accounting Service officials have announced the schedule for distributing 2004 tax statements.

Customers once again can view, save and print their tax statements from myPay at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

Tax statements will be available as follows:

■ Retired Annual Statement: available online now and mailed between Dec. 17 and 29.

■ Retired 1099R: available online now and mailed between Dec. 17 and 29.

■ Annuitant Annual Statements: available online now and mailed

between Dec. 28 and 29.

■ Annuitant 1099R: available online now and mailed between Dec. 27 and 29.

■ Reserve W2s: available online now and mailed between Tuesday and Wednesday.

■ Civilian W2s: available online now and will be mailed between Monday and Jan. 14.

■ Active Duty W2s: available online Jan. 14 and mailed between Jan. 18 and 24.

The following statements are available only by mail:

■ Special Compensation for Severely Disabled 1099Rs: mailed Dec. 17.

■ VSI/SSB W2s: mailed between Jan. 4 and 5.

■ Travel W2s: will be mailed between Monday and Tuesday.

■ Savings Deposit 1099INTs: will be mailed between Monday and Tuesday.

“During the months of January, February and March 2004, an average of 1.4 million myPay users viewed their tax statements each month, and we continue to encourage users to view and print their statements online,” said Jim Pitt, director of electronic commerce at DFAS’ military and civilian pay services.

Judge Advocate General Corps offers accessions programs

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – The Air Force’s Judge Advocate General Corps gives company-grade officers two opportunities during January through March to join their ranks.

The programs, the Funded Legal Education Program and the Excess Leave Program, allow active-duty officers to pursue law degrees without leaving the Air Force and then serve in the JAG Corps. Both programs, which provide the Air Force with lawyers who already have a good understanding of the military, begin accepting applications in January, JAG officials said.

“The goal of both programs is to provide commanders with the best legal advice possible, tailored to evolving Air Force needs,” said Maj. Rachel VanLandingham, recruiting branch chief for the Air Force Office of the Judge Advocate General.

FLEP is a paid legal-studies program. Program applicants must be active-duty captains with between two and six years of active-duty service as of the first

Want to apply?

Applicants must have completed all application forms and applied to a law school that has been accredited by the American Bar Association; however, acceptance into the school is not required at time of application. They must also receive their Law School Admissions Test results and complete a staff judge advocate interview by March 1. Qualifications are found in Air Force Instruction 51-101, Judge Advocate Accession Program, and online at www.jagusaf.hq.af.mil.

For more information, contact Major VanLandingham at rachel.vanlandingham@pentagon.af.mil, or call (800) 524-8723.

day of law school.

The ELP is an unpaid legal-studies program. Program applicants must have two to 10 years’ active-duty service before entering law school.

They must also be captains with less than three years of time

in grade or below as of the first day of law school.

Both programs are very competitive, the major said. The overall 2004 selection rate for the programs was 18 percent, according to the JAG recruiting Web site.

The major also advised applicants to participate in professional groups, such as local company grade officers councils, that will enhance their chances to be selected for the programs and at the same time help them become better officers and individuals.

Experienced officers are viewed as force-multipliers for the JAG Corps.

JAG officers routinely participate in nearly every facet of the Air Force mission, including developing and acquiring weapons systems and ensuring availability of airspace and ranges where those systems are tested and operated.

They also consult with commanders about how those systems are used in armed conflict and assist in the day-to-day running of military installations worldwide.

MUSEUM OF AVIATION EVENTS

January

Museum of Aviation Foundation and the Robins Pacers Running Club will sponsor the annual Marathon Jan. 15 at 8 a.m. The event is a qualifier for the Boston Marathon and other marathons. It features a U.S. Track and Field certified full marathon course on Robins Air Force Base, a half marathon and a 5k walk/run. Trophies, medallions and sweatshirts are given out to winners in 14 different age categories. Go on to <http://robinspacers.org>, for more information, or contact Mary Lynn Harrison at 923-6600 or marylynn.harrison@museumofaviation.org.

March

Museum of Aviation Education Department will host Young Astronaut’s Day March 5 from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Young Astronaut’s Day is a fun-filled day of exciting, educational workshops for grades 3-8. Participants attend four workshops, two of their choice and two assigned by the Museum’s Education Department. Cost is \$15, includes lunch

and T-shirt. All participants must be accompanied by a chaperone for the entire day. There is a requirement of at least one chaperone per every 10 participants. For more information, contact Tamea Matthews at 926-5558.

Ongoing

Wonder Wings is a Pre-K oriented educational program focusing on parts of an airplane. A fun flannel board activity, storybook and study of an F-15 Fighter Jet is included in this special Pre-K program. Each student participating in the Wonder Wings program will receive a special activity worksheet. Wonder Wings is scheduled on Tuesdays through Fridays from 10-11:15 a.m. The cost is \$1.50 per student. The minimum number of students required is 10, with a maximum of 40. For more than 40 students, you will need to divide the group approximately and schedule days according to your needs. For more information, contact Tamea Matthews at 926-5558 or at tmatthews@museumofaviation.org.

All in a day’s work



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Blanchella Casey Supervisory librarian Base Library 78th MSG/SVMG

“An Air Force library is different from regular libraries. First, we are a special library in that we must support the mission by providing and maintaining mission oriented resources. Second, we are an academic library to support all professional and voluntary education, and third, we are a public library to support the community at large. We are also the only library in the county that is open seven days a week for our customers.

“I had previous degrees in biology and education, but when I got my master’s degree in Library Science I walked in and felt right at

home. I’ve been doing this since 1980 and have been at the Robins Library since June of ’99. I never get bored. On a typical day you might be reading to 4 year olds one hour, helping someone find a book they need for a master’s degree the next hour and the next hour helping someone find a favorite author.

“I enjoy meeting people and providing what they want. It’s very self-satisfying.

“There’s also no such thing as a ‘dumb question’ in a library because you come here to get information, and we’re trained to help you get what you need.”